OUR GRAND MASTER'S SLOGAN
"A REVITALIZED AND GREATER TEMPLARY"

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EMINENT SIRS AND SIR KNIGHTS:

As we draw near the vacation period I am reminded that this will be my last opportunity to address you before the end of our Commandery statistical year which ends June 30th, so with this issue of THE TEMPLAR before vacation, may I request each of you to make every effort to carry out our slogan - "Knight Every Petitioner" - before your Commandery closes for the summer period.

June also is the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, when the third man to receive the Orders of Knighthood in this country gave his life for Liberty and Freedom - Major General Joseph Warren. He was born in Roxbury in 1741; he was educated in the schools of Boston and Harvard College in Medicine, and began practice in Boston in 1763. He was an ardent leader in the Revolution.

His Masonic record is as follows: he was made a Mason in St. Andrews Lodge of Boston; he received his first degree on September 10, 1761; second degree on November 2,1761; he was made a Master Mason on November 28, 1765; he was elected Master in 1769; he was made a Templar in St. Andrews Royal Arch Lodge (now St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter) May 14, 1770; in December 1769 he received a commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, making him Grand Master of Masons in Boston and one hundred miles around; on March 7, 1772, he received another commission making him Grand Master of Masons for the Continent of America.

His military record shows that he was appointed a Major General; his headquarters were established in Cambridge where he and his staff were trying to drill and equip a citizens' army to fight the British trained soldiers. On the evening of the 16th of June, a little before sunset, 1200 troops under the Veteran Prescott were issued blankets and provisions for 24 hours, the Privates not even knowing their destination. At 9 o'clock they started their march to Charlestown where they were joined by the Veteran General Putnam. Under cover of darkness they started to dig their entrenchments and prepare defenses for the seige on the morrow. During the battle, when the order to retreat was sounded, Warren stood his post, even after the British had entered his entrenchment. A British officer recognized him, called on him to surrender in order to save his life. As he turned to see who had spoken to him a bullet struck him in the forehead, and he died instantly.

In times buried, Warren exceeded our Grand Master Hiram (who was thrice buried). Warren was buried four times: first on June 17, 1775 on the field of battle; second, immediately after the evacuation of Boston his Masonic brothers went in search of the body of their Grand Master. On April 6, 1776 they found the body buried in a shallow grave on the brow of the hill and near the head of the grave was an acacia tree; the body upon removal was identified by his teeth and other distinguishing marks; his body was borne to the State House, Boston. On April 8th an oration was delivered by Perez Morton, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge; the body was buried in the Minot tomb in the Granary Burying Ground. In 1825, the body was removed to the Warren Tomb, under St. Paul's Church; on August 3, 1855 it was removed to Forest Hills Cemetery, the final resting place.

Although General Warren was termed a Revolutionist, he was fighting for the principles upon which our Order was founded: Freedom, Liberty, Justice and the Christian Religion. Today, as never before, the United States has need of Templary. The gospel which is based on Templary is the country's anchor to windward. The Sir Knights who work at their jobs as Knights Templar, as citizens of the Republic, as followers of the Christian Religion, and as firm believers in the Supreme Being, are daily making a contribution to an assurance that our American edifice shall stand.

To all Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction--may you have a very happy and restful vacation period and return in the Fall refreshed and ready to carry on.

Courteously yours,

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
Grand Commander

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KNIGHT TEMPLAR HONORED BY SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

Mass. Consistory and Valleys dedicate Class to honor Illustrious Claude Leroy Allen 33° Deputy of the Scottish Rite for Mass., and Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery #20 of Melrose, Mass. The Degree will be conferred on Saturday, Oct. 27th at John Hancock Hall for Perfection, Princes and Rose Croix and Saturday, Nov. 17th at Symphony Hall.

Em. Sir Claude Leroy Allen was born in So. Thomaston, Maine. He was educated at the English High, Boston University and graduated from B.U. Law School in 1900. His Masonic Record is as follows: He became a member of Wyoming Lodge in 1904; was Master 1917; DDGM 1919-1920; DGM 1921; and Grand Master of Masons in Mass. 1935-1937. He took his Scottish Rite Degrees in 1923; was Sovereign Prince of Giles F. Yates Council, PJ 1938-1941. He received the Thirty-Third Degree in 1936; became an Active Member of the Supreme Council in 1940; and has been Deputy for Mass. since 1948. He is Commander-in-Chief of the Council of Deliberation; holds membership in the York Rite, serving as Eminent Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery #20 K.T. in 1918-1919. While Grand Master, he organized relief for the Holyoke Flood victims in 1936; dedicated the Masonic Temples at Ancon and Gatum in the Canal Zone in 1937. He attended the 200th Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and saw the Duke of York-later King of England-installed as Grand Master of Scotland. He received his 50 year Veteran's Medal January 27, 1954.

A MASON'S FAITH

By Leverett Saltonstall, 32°
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Freemasons believe in men. It is a great possession, to believe in our fellows because we have said the same vows, seen the same "work", taken the same degrees, sat in the same lodge, struck hands with the same grip. To have faith in one's fellowmen is an asset beyond money and beyond price. To believe that all men are good if we dig deeply enough; that most men have good within them to be found without digging far to find it; to know that in the long run a man will do what he promises, can be depended upon to keep his word, is worthy of trust and confidence---this is wealth at its best and not to be destroyed by the cynic who points to the men who have failed those who had believed.

Man does fail. He reaches for the stars and grasps a branch above his head; he adventures toward the sunset and settles on the banks of the first river which blocks his path; he starts right and runs strongly and turns off to the primrose path and falters when he reaches the garden.

All sadly true. But some reach for the stars and find them; some travel to the sunset nor stay until the goal is reached; some run until they drop nor ever swerve.

It is belief in such as these, and the knowledge that a majority of men are such as these -- which makes belief in men the capstone of a Mason's faith.

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The place that is of schools devoid is surely doomed to be destroyed.

A Message from the Committee on Progress and Special Activities

Our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater, has written: "I HAVE FELT FOR SOMETIME THAT TEMPLARY NEEDS REVITALIZATION. It has not made the progress that it can and should make. I am, therefore, most anxious to do my part in endeavoring to have it progress. I want to give Templary everything that I have and if I am privileged by our good Lord to serve out my term of office as Grand Master, I want to leave behind me a trail of accomplishment...In order to do that I will need a team of loyal, efficient Templars, for one man cannot do it alone. I am appointing a Committee on Progress and Special Activities which I consider will be a Committee of great importance."

...It has been created in an earnest endeavor to revitalize Templary. To do this he has planned to enlist the active cooperation and support of every branch of our Templar organization -- Grand Encampment - Grand Commanderies - Subordinate Commanderies - Constituent Commanderies -- with a Committee member in each group within the organizational grades.

You, by accepting appointment to this Committee - be it in your Grand Commandery, Subordinate or Constituent Commandery - have become a member of the team of the Most Eminent Grand Master. ... We are counting on you, as a member of this team, to live Templary, promote Templary, build Templary, in the group with which you are most intimately connected. ALL THE HOPES, ALL THE DREAMS, ALL THE PLANS, WILL AVAIL NOTHING UNLESS YOU DO YOUR PART!

...The Executive Members of this Committee list a quota for each Grand Commandery and Subordinate Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment within the territorial limits of the United States of America. Our quota is 930 a year, or 2,790 over the Triennium. ... This provides an incentive for each Grand Commander and each Commander to make the year in which he serves as the chief executive of his organization one of revitalization and progress. It also provides the opportunity to still meet the suggested quota for the entire Triennium even though in any one year conditions in a particular locality might prevent the reaching of the goal for that year. ... Look at the quota for your Grand Commandery. Encourage the Sir Knights in your own constituent Commandery to meet or exceed their part of the quota. The quotas are based on accessions (all who have had the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross conferred upon them - all who have been re-instated into membership - all who have demitted into your Commandery). The quotas represent the average of accessions in our jurisdiction during the previous six years, PLUS ten per cent. They ARE attainable! To do so, however, means that in many instances we must work with open minds. Whenever we see or hear of something that has been successfully tried in some other Commandery or Grand Commandery, we should examine it and perhaps try the same thing in our own group.

...In closing this bulletin, we, the Executive Members of this Committee on Progress and Special Activities, want to tell you how much we appreciate the opportunity to work with so many Sir Knights in every constituent Commandery of the entire Grand Encampment. Think of it! Almost two thousand especially selected Sir Knights, all united in one common bond to lead the way in attaining one great objective to revitalize and create a still greater Templary! Each, in his own way, has a work to do. We are all on the Most Eminent Grand Master's team, joined together for one mighty effort. We are deeply grateful for all that you have done for Templary in the past. May God bless you for all that you may continue doing for the advancement of His kingdom on earth!

The Committee on Progress and Special Activities.

COMMANDERIES	QUOTA	TOTAL 8 MOS.	MAY	TOTAL
St.John's	47	28	0	28
Boston	75	35	5	40
Newburyport	18	23	0	23
Washington	8	3	0	3
Worcester County	49	11	5	16
Springfield	36	18	0	18
De Molay	51	42	12	54
Holy Sepulchre	27	8	0	8
Pilgrim	21	8	0	8
Palestine	14	9	0	9
Milford	12	5	0	5
St. Bernard	6	3	0	3
Calvary	46	15	6	21
Haverhill	26	15	3	18
Old Colony	13	4	0	4
Sutton	33	27	1	28
Bethany	10	7	0	7
Winslow Lewis	13	12	0	12
Jerusalem	19	22	4	26
Hugh De Payens	40	14	8	22
St. Omer	22	7	0	7
Berkshire	15	7	0	7
Conn. Valley	12	2	0	2
Woonsocket	12	1	0	1
Godfrey DeBouillon	8	12	2	14
Joseph Warren	12	7	0	7
Narragansett	13	6	0	6
Bristol	17	5	3	8
Northampton	3	10	1	11
South Shore	10	5	0	5
Trinity	13	3	0	3
Natick	12	26	2	28
Coeur De Lion	22	22	5	27
Gethsemane	31	30	3	33
Olivet	29	16	1	17
Athol	8	3	1	4
Bay State	27	24	1	25
Cyprus	9	21	1	22
St. Paul	8	1	0	1
Beauseant	21	27	1	28
Cambridge	10	5	0	5
Bethlehem	10	8	5	13
Orange	5	0	0	0
Ivanhoe	17	2	0	2
Quincy	20	11	0	11
Temple	13	5	1	6
St. Andrew	9	10	2	12
Reading	19	9	1	10
Thomas Smith Webb	12	17	0	17
Sir Galahad	12	5	1	6
TOTAL	1000	616	75	691

MONTHLY OBJECTIVE
NECESSARY TO REACH QUOTA

	OBJ.	ACT.
Sept.	60	53
Oct.	75	114
Nov.	105	84
Dec.	85	40
Jan.	95	79
Feb.	75	90
Mar.	105	89
Apr.	130	67
May	165	75
June	105	

ACCUMULATIVE

	OBJ.	ACT.
Sept.	50	50
Oct.	135	167
Nov.	240	251
Dec.	325	291
Jan.	420	370
Feb.	495	460
Mar.	600	549
Apr.	730	616
May	895	691
June	1000	

COMPARISON

	1956	1955	1954	1953
Sept.	53	40	21	53
Oct.	167	98	139	129
Nov.	251	179	192	186
Dec.	291	262	262	247
Jan.	370	328	355	345
Feb.	460	425	429	433
Mar.	549	518	534	534
Apr.	616	610	625	611
May*	691	716	727	712
June***		726	800	777

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SIR KNIGHTS:

Twelve (12) petitions in may have made De Molay No. 7 K.T. the 13th Commandery to join the "100% Club." DeMolay is the largest Commandery to reach 100% of its quota and has obtained more petitions, this year, thru May than any other Commandery - an outstanding performance! Congratulations to Eminent Commander John L. Churchill!

It is not too late to improve your Commandery's petition standing. Make June a "BIG" month.

Courteously yours,
J. Leroy Jones, Chairman
Service Committee